

## Ninety-Seventh Legislature - First Session - 2001 Committee Statement LB 564

**Hearing Date:** 3/8/2001 **Committee On:** Judiciary

**Introducers:** (Baker)

**Title:** Change provisions relating to sex offenders and the Sex Offender Registration Act

## **Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:**

X Advanced to General File

Advanced to General File with Amendments

**Indefinitely Postponed** 

**Vote Results:** 

7 Yes Senators Baker, Bourne, Brashear, Connealy, Pedersen, Robak,

**Tyson** 

No

1 Present, not voting Senator Chambers

Absent

Proponents: Representing:

Senator Tom Baker Introducer

David Dishong Nebraska State Patrol

Mary Larsen YWCA

**Opponents:** Representing:

Neutral: Representing:

## **Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

Under current law, sex offenders subject to the Sex Offender Registration Act must register with the county sheriff where the offender resides or is temporarily domiciled.

Legislative Bill 564 makes notification requirements stricter under the Sex Offender Act by specifying exactly how sex offenders are to register when they:

- Are in custody;
- Are released from custody;
- Move to a new address within the county;

- Move to a new county;
- Move outside the state of Nebraska; or
- Live out-of-state, but attend school, are employed, or carry on a vocation in Nebraska

The bill further specifies how the sentencing court, the Department of Correctional Services, and a city or county correctional or jail facility are to provide defendants subjected to the Sex Offender Registration Act (Act) with written notification about such defendants' responsibility to register under the Act.

LB 564 provides the sex offender registration and community notification division of the Nebraska State Patrol shall collect the sex offender registration information from the county sheriffs and disseminate such information to the appropriate entities.

Finally, under LB 564, investigators and mental health professionals of the Nebraska State Patrol's sex offender registration and community notification division shall have access to government documents that have bearing on sex offender risk assessment.

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	Senator Kermit A. Brashear, Chairperson